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Metro 3 Government Television Broadcast Schedule

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New Nashville.Gov Website Available Now



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New Nashville.Gov Website Available Now

Site is More Interactive, User-Friendly

Metro Government has launched a new and improved Nashville.gov website, the site's first total refresh in five years. The website has been redesigned from the ground up to be more interactive, user-friendly and optimized for mobile devices.

"Whether you are a resident wanting to report a pothole or a business owner needing a permit or a visitor thinking of spending time here, the new site offers better, faster 24-hour access to information and services," Mayor Karl Dean said. "A variety of new features will make Metro Government even more accessible and transparent to our citizens, which is important to me."

The site has been redesigned to make every interaction on Nashville.gov faster, more convenient and easy to navigate. It has been developed to be fully mobile friendly and will automatically reformat to fit any device screen size from desktop to smartphone.

Nashville.gov served more than 2 million unique visitors in 2012 and had more than 11 million page views. Nearly 19 percent of the site's traffic currently comes from mobile devices.

"Our goal was to make the website simple enough so that visitors to the site wouldn't need to know the organizational structure of Metro Government in order to find what they are looking for," said Keith Durbin, Metro's Chief Information Officer and director of Information Technology Services.

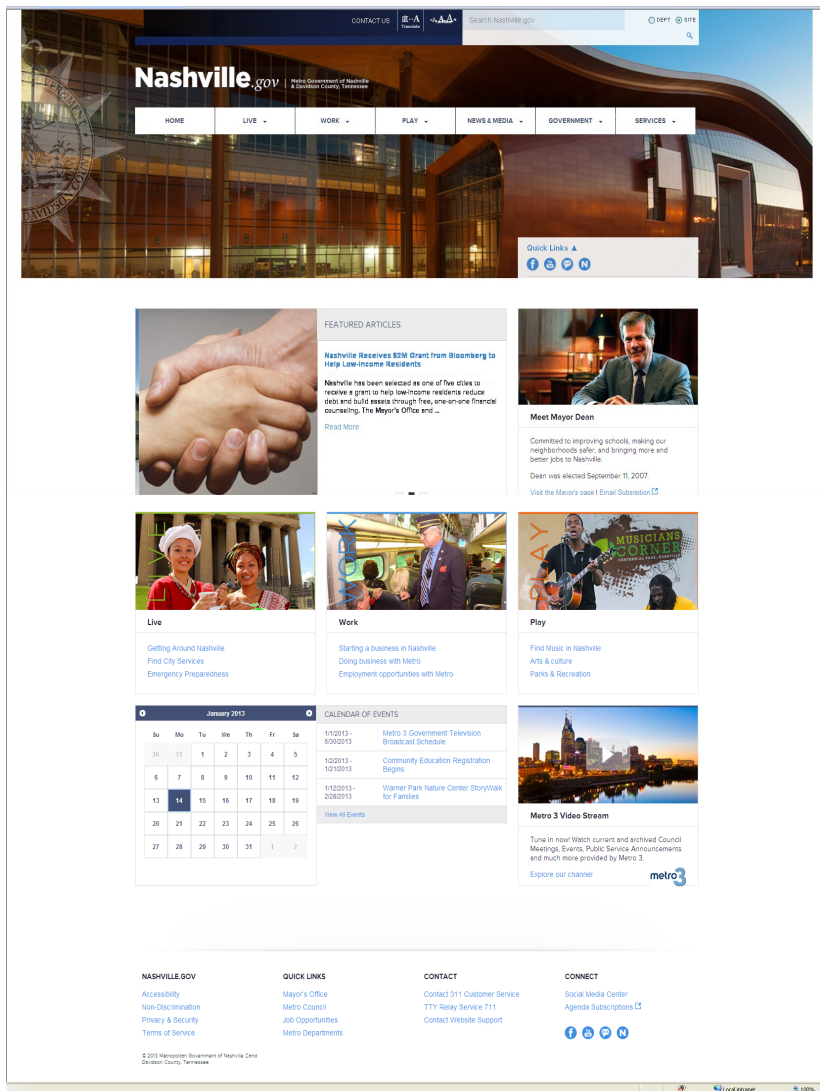
The website has a fresh appearance and includes more color and images. Some of the highlights of the website include:

- Enhanced search capability, offering search results which improve and give prominence to popular search results that visitors select.
- Improved interactive calendar with community and local government events.
- Interactive maps to find community attractions and government locations like parks, greenways and offices.
- Subscription tools for automated delivery of government meeting agendas by email or text message.
- Combined social media center to centralize social media offerings from Metro departments, agencies and initiatives in one location.
- Combined newsroom allowing for centralized press and

media releases from many departments and agencies.

- Additional and easier to locate on-demand online services, including an online form to report comments and complaints to the Metro 311 Customer Service Center.

New features will be added in the coming months, including more extensive use of maps that understand your current location and a MyNashville feature that will offer customized content to visitors based on their preferences.



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OLD HOUSE FAIR MAKES OWNING AN OLD HOME FUN

2nd annual event to highlight energy efficiency and maintenance ideas

The Metro Historic Zoning Commission, in conjunction with the Metro Historical Commission Foundation and Tennessee Preservation Trust, is pleased to announce the second annual **Old House Fair** on Saturday March 9, 9 a.m. – 3 p.m. at The Cohn School, 4805 Park Avenue, Nashville.

The **Old House Fair** is a FREE day-long festival that introduces property owners to new ideas, practical advice, innovative materials, and quality services through exhibitors, presentations and hands-on demonstrations. An exciting addition this year is the opportunity for children to learn more about historic architecture through guided craft projects. Vintage Millworks will be helping children construct wood bird houses from salvaged lumber, while educating them about the importance of reusing building materials and protecting wildlife. Another hands-on session will educate about architectural details, form and style while they build their own cardboard interpretations of an old house.

windows.” Even if you are not a DIYer, these sessions will help you know what to look for and what to ask for when planning projects for your old home. David Currey, president of the Tennessee Preservation Trust, noted that presenters not only know their topic well but that they will also be entertaining. “For example,” revealed Mr. Currey, “Andrew Ward, former host of WLAC’s home improvement show, will be presenting ‘Flushed Away: Getting Creative with Old Plumbing.’” The entire schedule of lectures and hands-on demonstrations and exhibitor’s list will soon be available online at www.oldhousefair.org.

Participants will have a chance to talk to exhibitors and get advice and information on their specific projects. Exhibitors include companies that specialize in old houses, and retailers and artists who cater to owners of Antebellum, Victorian, Bungalow, Tudor and Mid-century Modern homes.

We are excited to hold the Old House Fair in the West Nashville area this year,” stated Ann Eaden, president of the Metro Historical Commission Foundation. “Last year



Photos from last years first “Old House Fair.” The fair offered practical tips and hands-on instruction designed to help owners of old homes become more energy efficient and also assist homeowners in making repairs and renovations that are consistent with the age and character of their older home.

Lectures and hands-on demonstrations focus on enhancing energy efficiency, maintaining and restoring old houses, and appropriate design elements for the architectural styles and eras found here in Nashville. “We will have a full range of sessions,” said historic zoning administrator Robin Zeigler, “everything from how to hire a contractor, to how to navigate the Metro permitting process, to how to repair old windows or make a decision on replacement

we were in East Nashville and next year we plan to be in the 12 South Neighborhood. There are many communities throughout the country who offer this type of fair and we are pleased that, thanks to our sponsors, we can provide the same type of entertaining learning environment here in Nashville.” Sponsors include *City Paper*, Vintage Millworks, Historic Nashville, Inc., Dale Inc., and Nashville Home Energy Solutions.

From now until 2015, Nashville will be celebrating its Civil War Sesquicentennial, a commemoration of our city’s Civil War experience. Over the next five years, programs, special tours, and events will take place around the city that will educate audiences of all ages about Nashville’s role during the war as the “Occupied City”. Visit the Civil War Sesquicentennial website by clicking on the site logo for more information and a complete schedule of events.



Nashville Rings in New Year with Annual “Bash on Broadway”

4th annual event draws record crowd

Music City welcomed the New Year in grand style with the 4th Annual “Bash on Broadway.” This year’s celebration featured a 15 foot tall musical note lite by 150 feet of LED lights. The musical note had to travel 115 feet to start the New Year, triggering a spectacular fireworks display.

Over 50,000 people turned out to ring in the New Year in downtown Nashville. Unlike previous years, the giant musical note was able to travel the entire 115 foot drop without stopping. The “Bash on Broadway” continues to grow, drawing record crowds. Rain and cold weather did not deter the crowds who enjoyed free music from The Fray, Sixpence None the Richer, Love and Theft, Striking Matches as well as Lennon and Maisey Stella from the new television show “Nashville.”

However, party goers were not the only ones who benefit-



The record crowd awaits the drop of the Music Note signaling the start of 2013 in Music city. Photo—Nashville Convention and Visitors Bureau.



Clayton Carrell and Jamie Beaudin of Franklin try to stay dry as they enjoy the New Year's Eve Bash on Broadway. / George Walker IV / The Tennessean

ted from this year’s event. Record crowds translated into big profits for area businesses.

According to the Nashville Convention and Visitors Bureau, an estimated \$10 million dollars was spent by visitors to Music City. This provided a much needed boost to business owners in the downtown district who depend on events like this one to draw in tourist dollars. The cancellation of this

years hockey season was a major blow to the bars, restaurants and other venues that looked forward to the regular crowds home games would bring.

The “Bash on Broadway” culminates a “Triple-play” for Nashville’s tourist industry with the last Tennessee Titans home game, followed almost immediately by the “Music City Bowl” and ending with this year’s successful “Bash on Broadway.”



Free mobile app available for iPhones

The [NashVitality app](#) is a mobile guide to a healthy, active and green lifestyle in Nashville, Tennessee. Inside this app there are interactive maps for all types of activities including walking, hiking, biking, water access, and much more. Plus, learn about how to be greener with tools such as where to recycle or what incentives are available to be more energy efficient. Every section of the app has the “Explore Near Me” option which when clicked will display all category results in your immediate vicinity.

Downloading the new NashVitality app is simple! Go to the Apple App Store from your iPhone or iPad and type “NashVitality” into the Search display. Select NashVitality app and click Download. Android version is coming soon.

The NashVitality mobile app was a project led by the Mayor’s Office to promote energy efficiency as well as healthy living in line with the goals of Nashville’s Communities Putting Prevention to Work (CPPW) campaign.

NashVitality is an initiative of Metro Public Health Department’s CPPW campaign, funded by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services as part of the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) of 2009. Learn more at NashVitality.org.



Property Maintenance and Tenants Rights

Important information every tenant should know

The Property Standards or Maintenance Code requires that every structure in Davidson County meet a set of minimum maintenance standards. That basically means a structure used as a dwelling unit must be clean, sanitary, and free of defects that would potentially cause harm to the occupants.

The Codes Department routinely receives calls from tenants concerned about the conditions of their rental unit. Tenants have the right to live in a unit that meets the minimum standard, but, there are some points they need to know before they call Codes.

- Has the property owner / property manager been made aware of the problem? It is always best to first try to get the problems fixed by the landlord. If that fails, then a call to Codes may be required.
- Not all items are a Codes violations. One of the most frequent examples is air conditioning. As long as the windows in the habitable portion of the dwelling open and are protected by screens, air conditioning is not required. However, if there is a central air unit or window unit provided, it must be kept in good repair.
- Insects. The landlord is required to provide a dwelling free of insects prior to the tenant occupying the space. Generally we accept written documentation showing the space has been treated by a pest professional. Once the dwelling is occupied, it is the tenants responsibility to maintain the dwelling in a pest free condition. Tenants should look carefully at their lease. Older dwellings and

multi-unit dwellings may require periodic visits from pest control professionals to keep them pest free. Knowing who is responsible for pests on the front end prevents misunderstandings and conflicts later.

- Most rental units are provided with a range and refrigerator, but the tenant should consult the lease to know what happens if one of these units fails.
- No matter what the condition of the unit, the tenant is responsible for any rents. Tenants should not withhold rent because of codes violations (actual or perceived) without first consulting with an attorney.

The best approach is to do a thorough inspection of the property before signing the lease and handing over a deposit. If there are deficiencies in the dwelling that you are willing to accept pending their repair, get a commitment from the landlord in writing that itemizes all of the repairs you expect and that sets a definite time period for the repairs to be made.

Dwelling units that just meet the minimum standards cannot be improved by calling Codes. As long as the minimum standards are met, we cannot require the landlord to make additional improvements in the property or provide amenities not required by the Code.

Any requests for an inspection must be made while the tenant still has a legal right to be on the property. Once a tenant has been evicted or has left the premises, we cannot make an inspection. We must be granted access to the interior of the unit by someone who is legally in control of the property.

Abandoned Motor Vehicles

It is a violation of Metro code 12.08.210 to permit an abandoned vehicle to remain on any alley, street, highway or thoroughfare within the area of the metropolitan government.

A vehicle is considered to be abandoned if it meets the following criteria:

- A vehicle that is over four years old, including any contents of that vehicle that is left unattended on public property for more than ten days, or
- A vehicle that is in an obvious state of disrepair and is left unattended on public property for more than three days.

A vehicle that is in an "obvious state of disrepair" means the vehicle exhibits one or more of the following characteristics:

- Inoperable under its own power,
- Without one or more wheels or inflated tires,
- Burned throughout, or
- With more than one broken window.

The term "pubic property" includes but is not limited to any

alley, street, highway or thoroughfare within the area of the metropolitan government.



If a vehicle meets the criteria for an abandoned vehicle, the Codes inspector will tag the vehicle with either a ten day or three day sticker. This gives the owner of the vehicle notice that the vehicle is subject to being removed (towed) off public property.

Before the vehicle can be removed, a title search is conducted so the department can notify the owner and any lienholders that the vehicle is subject to being towed in writing. A hearing is set to allow the owner or any lienholder to either remove the vehicle or make arrangements for its removal. The notice of hearing is advertised in a publication of record in addition to the mailing.

If the owner does not attend the hearing or contacts the Codes department to make arrangements to remove the vehicle, Codes will then initiate the towing process.

Once a vehicle has been removed by Codes (via a licensed contractor) it cannot be returned to the owner. State Law requires the vehicle, once seized, to be demolished which means the vehicle is converted to scrape.

Mayor Launches **NASHVILLE B**cycle

Rides from Public Square to Farmers' Market to Demonstrate Kiosk System

Mayor Karl Dean, with Metro Public Health and the Nashville Downtown Partnership, today launched Nashville B-cycle, the city's new bike-share program that is designed for short trips within the urban core. Nashville B-cycle includes 190 bikes at 20 automated kiosks within a three-mile radius of downtown



Riders can check out a B-cycle from one of the automated bike stations, ride to their destination and return the bike at any nearby station for an hour at a time. Individuals can purchase daily passes or memberships including seven-day, 30-day and one year options.

"Nashville B-cycle is one more way that we can make Nashville a more bike-friendly city and inspire people to embrace healthy, active living," Dean said. "The strategically located kiosks will make getting around our urban core even easier and more convenient for workers, residents and visitors."

As part of the launch, Mayor Dean, Metro Health Director Bill Paul and Tom Turner, CEO and president of the Nashville Downtown Partnership, checked out B-cycle bikes from the kiosk at Public Square, rode to the Nashville Farmers' Market and checked the bikes back into a kiosk there. After a short visit, they returned to Public Square.

Nashville B-cycle is open to anybody but will be especially helpful to those who take the MTA bus or train to downtown and need transportation to run errands or go out to lunch; downtown workers and residents who need transportation to attend meetings and make other short trips in the area; and visitors needing transportation to key destination points in the urban core.

Daily passes are \$5; 7-day passes are \$10; 30-day passes are \$15 and an annual membership is \$50. B-cycles can be checked out for an hour at a time with a fee of \$1.50 for each additional 30 minutes.

More information is at www.nashville.bcycle.com.

B-cycle is used in many other large cities, including Charlotte, Houston and Denver. Nashville B-cycle will be managed by the Nashville Downtown Partnership. It is funded under the Communities Putting Prevention to Work federal grant, which has been administered by the Metro Public Health Department.

Nashville B-cycle is the newest initiative to promote healthy, active living started by Mayor Karl Dean. Since taking office, he has invested more than \$130 million in health-related public

infrastructure, including sidewalks, bikeways, community centers, parks, multi-modal streets and public health facilities. Community-wide events he has hosted include *Walk 100 Miles with the Mayor*, *Mayor's Challenge 5K Walk/Run* and *Mayor's Field Day*.

Nashville B-cycle expands on the city's existing bike share program, called Nashville GreenBikes, a system of free bikes available at several Metro Parks community centers and greenways.

Nashville B-cycle kiosks are located at these destination points:

- The Gulch: 11th and 12th Avenue South
- Music Row Roundabout: 16th Avenue South
- Centennial Park: 27th Avenue North
- SoBro: Third Avenue South and Symphony Place at the base of the Shelby Street Pedestrian Bridge
- Public Square: Third Avenue North and Union Street
- North Capitol: Fourth Avenue North and James Robertson Parkway
- TPAC: Sixth Avenue North and Union Street
- Nashville Farmers' Market: Seventh Avenue North at the outdoor food court
- Frist Center: Ninth Avenue South and Demonbreun Street
- Riverfront Station: Broadway and First Avenue North
- Fifth Third Plaza: Church Street between Fifth and Fourth Avenue North
- The District: Commerce and Seventh Avenue North
- Music City Central: Deaderick Street and Fifth Avenue North
- Walk of Fame Park: Demonbreun Street and Fifth Avenue South
- Rolling Mill Hill: Hermitage Avenue and Middleton Street
- Fisk/Meharry: Jefferson Street and Dr. D.B. Todd Boulevard
- Germantown: Fifth Avenue and Monroe Street.
- Five Points/East Nashville: South 11th Street
- Cumberland Park: Victory Way at base of Shelby Street Pedestrian Bridge
- Hillsboro Village: Wedgewood Avenue and 21st Avenue South

Winter Safety Tips

Supplemental Heating Equipment Leading Cause of Home Fires During Cold Weather

If you plan to use space heaters to help heat your home this winter, use extreme caution, advises the safety professionals at Underwriters Laboratories Inc. (UL). According to the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) supplemental heating equipment, such as electrical and kerosene heaters, is the leading cause of home fires during the months of December, January and February and trails only cooking equipment as the leading cause of home fires year-round.

"Central home heating systems are not the main fire culprits, but space heaters are," says John Drengenberg, UL's Global Consumer Affairs manager. "Consumers should know that space heaters need space and they should be placed at least 3 feet away from anything that can burn."

UL offers the following safety tips and precautions when using space heaters:

- Space heaters have one function - to provide supplemental heat. Don't use them to warm bedding, cook food, thaw pipes or dry clothing. Misusing space heaters can put you and your family at risk of fire or burn injuries.
- Select heating equipment that has the UL Mark. The UL mark on a product means that UL technical staff members have tested representative samples of the product for foreseeable safety hazards.
- Remember that 3-foot safety zone. Keep things that burn at least 3 feet away from space heaters.
- Turn off space heaters when you are not in the room or when you go to sleep.
- Supervise children and pets at all times when space heaters are in use. Even the slightest contact with a heating coil or element can cause a severe burn.
- If you have an electric space heater, check for frayed insulation, broken wires or overheating. Have all problems repaired by a professional technician before operating.
- When buying space heaters, look for devices with automatic shut-off features and heating element guards.
- If you have a liquid-fueled space heater, use only the fuel recommended by the manufacturer. Never use gasoline or any other substitute fuel. The wrong fuel could burn hotter than the equipment's design limits and cause a serious fire.
- When refueling, turn off the heater and let it cool down completely before adding fuel. Wipe up any spills promptly.
- If you're considering buying a kerosene heater, check with your local fire department to find out if it is legal in your community.
- Avoid using extension cords with space heaters. If you must use one, make sure you choose an extension cord of the right wire gauge size and type for your heaters.
- Keep the air heater's power supply cord away from high traffic areas in your home. You don't want people walking on or tripping over the cord.



Music City Center Update



This beautiful shot by Mt. Juliet photographer Bruce Crain shows not only the MCC, but the new roundabout, that is now open.

32nd Annual Nashville Conference on African-American History and Culture

Registration is now open for this annual event exploring African-American history and culture

For over thirty years, the Metropolitan Historical Commission and Tennessee State University have celebrated the contributions of African-Americans to Nashville and Tennessee through the Nashville Conference on African-American History and Culture. Each February, Nashvillians come together to honor these individuals through historical and cultural presentations by historians, artists, students, dramatists, musicians, genealogists, and others interested in the history of our city and state. The long-running series, Profiles of African Americans in Tennessee, a collection of almost two hundred short publications, makes the Conference research available to the public.

The 2013 Conference will be held on Friday, February 8, 2013 and will focus on political, social, and artistic legacies of the African-American community in Nashville.

As Nashville celebrates the 50th anniversary of Metropolitan government, Dr. Reavis Mitchell of Fisk University will analyze the impact of the governmental consolidation on the city's African American community. Additionally, in honor of the



150th anniversary of the Emancipation Proclamation, Dan Pomeroy of the Tennessee State Museum will examine the effect of the Emancipation Proclamation in Tennessee. The document itself will be on display at the Tennessee State Museum from February 12 – 18, by reservation only. Other speakers include Ophelia Paine, former staff member at the Metropolitan Nashville Historical Commission and former Commissioner with the Tennessee Historical Commission, and Dr. Stacey Graham of the Center for

Historic Preservation at Middle Tennessee State University. Mrs. Paine and Dr. Graham will both be discussing aspects of the impact of the Civil War on the African American home front community in Middle Tennessee. Victor Simmons, Director of the Fisk University Galleries, will discuss Aaron Douglas and his work at Fisk, as well as curating an exhibit of Douglas's work.

Please make plans to join us for this exceptional program on Friday, February 8, 2013. The full [program brochure](#) is available now. Questions? Call the Metro Historical Commission at (615) 862-7970.

Nashville Receives \$2 Million Grant from Bloomberg Philanthropies and Living Cities' Fund to Help Low-Income Residents Reduce Debt, Build Assets

Nashville One of Five Cities Selected for \$16.2 Million Investment

Nashville has been selected as one of five cities to receive a grant to help low-income residents reduce debt and build assets through free, one-on-one financial counseling incorporated into existing services offered in the city. The Office of Mayor Karl Dean and United Way of Metropolitan Nashville are partners in the grant funded by Bloomberg Philanthropies and Living Cities' Cities for Financial Empowerment (CFE) Fund.

The three-year grant will serve an estimated 5,000 Nashvillians at Financial Empowerment Centers, which will be run by United Way of Metropolitan Nashville. At the Centers, financial counselors will teach clients how to open safe and affordable checking accounts, establish a credit score, maintain a positive balance, decrease debt and maintain savings.

"These Financial Empowerment Centers will play a vital role in helping Nashville families move from poverty to financial stability," Dean said. "Making sure individuals and families get personal-

ized financial literacy services will help us build stronger families and a stronger community."

"The City of Nashville has demonstrated a real desire to help families achieve long-term financial stability," said New York City Mayor and philanthropist Michael R. Bloomberg. "The Mayors Project at Bloomberg Philanthropies spreads effective solutions to challenges that cities across the country are facing. We hope through this grant that the effective Financial Empowerment Center model will create measurable change for low-income residents in Nashville."

The Financial Empowerment Centers, opening in March 2013, will be located at the Levy Place Center in east Nashville and in south Nashville at the Casa Azafran Community Center, which serves as the headquarters of Conexión Americas and other organizations that offer educational opportunities, health and wellness services and entrepreneurship training.

Satellite locations will be housed at United Way's 18 Family Resource Centers, Metro Action Commission, Metro Social Services and state offices that provide welfare benefits through the Temporary Assistance to Needy Families program. Nashvillian Erik Cole will oversee the Financial Empowerment Center program out of the Mayor's Office of Economic and Community Development.



Metro At 50 Website

The place to follow the year log celebration of important milestones in Metro's history

If you haven't done so, head over to the "Metro At 50" web-site. As we mark this historic milestone of 50 years of Metro government, this website is dedicated both to celebrating that achievement and educating the public about the remarkable story of how Metro came to be. You will find that history here: the photographs, the news clips, the first-person remembrances as well as the key decisions and documents that shaped the formation and future of Metro.



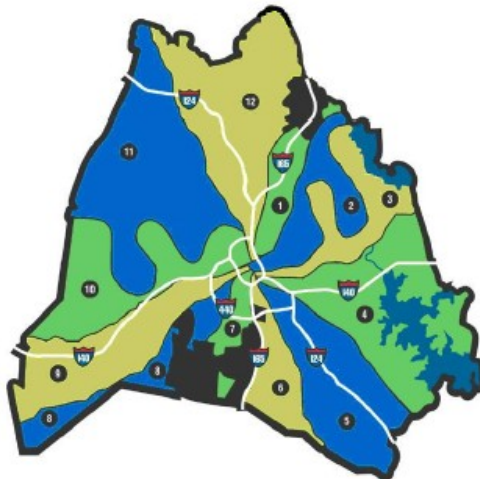
This is also a web site where information will be available about the community-wide celebrations being planned and the other special activities coming up to mark our city's unique birthday.

On this site, you can also learn how local schools, civic clubs, neighborhood organizations, the faith community and individuals like you can play a role and get involved.

Our goal is not just to look back and celebrate the great decisions of a half-century ago, but to look forward together to how we can make our community even better - now and fifty years from now. So ["Tell Us Your Story"](#) as our city continues to move ahead to make our community great.

Metro Nashville Public Works

Improving the Quality of Life for Nashvillians and our Visitors



2012 – 2013 Brush Collection Schedule

Area 8	July 3, 2012	November 15, 2012	February 26, 2013
Area 9	July 13, 2012	November 27, 2012	March 6, 2013
Area 10	July 26, 2012	December 5, 2012	March 14, 2013
Area 11	August 8, 2012	December 12, 2012	March 26, 2013
Area 12	August 16, 2012	December 20, 2012	April 3, 2013
Area 1	August 28, 2012	January 2, 2013	April 11, 2013
Area 2	September 7, 2012	January 9, 2013	April 23, 2013
Area 3	September 20, 2012	January 17, 2013	May 2, 2013
Area 4	October 3, 2012	January 24, 2013	May 14, 2013
Area 5	October 12, 2012	January 31, 2013	May 23, 2013
Area 6	October 25, 2012	February 8, 2013	June 6, 2013
Area 7	November 6, 2012	February 19, 2013	June 19, 2013

To confirm your area, please call 880-1000 or visit: <http://mpw.nashville.gov/Row/Services/Default.aspx>. You may also sign-up to receive e-mail reminders when brush collection will begin in your area.

For information on how and where to place your brush for collection visit:

<http://www.nashville.gov/pw/recycle/yard/brush.asp>

Print this page and post on your refrigerator or bulletin board in your home or office.

The 2012 Ann Chapman Holiday Lights: A Metro Nashville Tradition for Celebrating the Season for 25 Years

Mayor Karl Dean, Metro Beautification & Environment, NewsChannel 5 and Nashville Electric Service completed the 25th year of the city's annual Holiday Lights Competition. The event was open to all residents of Davidson County, and awards were made in each Metro Councilmanic district.

Judging criteria for the contest encouraged residents to make their Holiday Lighting displays "green" by including Environmental Elements such as recycling themes or recycled items; nature themes; and energy conservation with LED lights.

Jacqueline Rogers has entered Metro's Holiday Lights Competition each year since 2009, and even been named a regional finalist twice. Her home at 1800 Turner Street is the first residence in Old Hickory to win the top honor in the contest.

Mayor Karl Dean presented the award and congratulated Mrs. Rogers and her family during a live announcement on NewsChannel 5 Friday, December 14.

This is the 25th year of the competition sponsored by Mayor Dean, Metro Beautification & Environment, Metro Public Works, NewsChannel 5 and Nashville Electric Service. Twenty-three Council District Winners and five Regional Winners were awarded from a total of 30 entries received this year. The contest is open to all residents of Davidson County.



Mayor Karl Dean presents the Holiday Lights Award to Jacqueline Rogers during a live announcement with NewsChannel 5's Marcus Washington. The photo below shows a small part of the Roger's wonderful display. Photo—Gary Layda



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